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SUBJ: JSP PETITION REGARDING NORTH KOREAN PROPOSAL

SUMMARY: ON MAY 30, JSP DELEGATION DELIVERED PETITION CALLING
FOR US RESPONSE TO MARCH 25 DPRK PEACE PROPOSAL.

1. ON MAY 30, FOUR JSP DIET MEMBERS (HIDEO DEN, KAKU ASHIKA,
SHOZO HASEGAWA AND TOGO YONEDA) CALLED AT EMBASSY BY PREVIOUS
APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER PETITION, ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT, ASKING
USG ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 25 DPRK PEACE PROPOSAL SENT TO BOTH
HOUSES OF CONGRESS. DELIEVERD ON INSTRUCTION OF JSP CHAIRMAN
NARITA, PETITION SAID HOPES FOR PEACE IN ASIA HAD BEEN STIMULATED
BY JULY 1972 ROK-DPRK JOINT COMMUNIQUE CALLING FOR REUNIFICATION.
HOWEVER, PARK REGIME WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY QTE FASCIST UNQTE,
AND TRENDS IN ROK WERE WORKING AGAINST HOPES RAISED BY
COMMUNIQUE. PETITION THEN REFERRED TO MARCH 25 DPRK
PROPOSAL, DESCRIBING IT AS AIMED AT REDUCING TENSION AND
ACCELERATING MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF NORTH
AND SOUTH KOREA. JSP ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL AND CALLED FOR US-
DPRK NEGOTIATIONS TO REPLACE THE ARMISTICE WITH A PEACE
AGREEMENT, AND FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF US ARMED FORCES
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FROM KOREA.

2. EMBOFF TOLD JSP REPRESENTATIVES THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT DPRK PROPOSAL WAS WELL KNOWN IN WASHINGTON SINCE COPIES HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO ADDRESSES BY NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER AT UN. DURING SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, IN WHICH JSP REPRESENTATIVES REITERATED POSITIONS CONTAINED IN PETITION, EMBOFF STRESSED FACT THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACHIEVING PEACE IN PENINSULA RESTS PRIMARILY WITH KOREAN PEOPLES, WHO ARE STILL DIVIDED BY MUTUAL DISTRUST, PROMPTED IN PART BY HOSTILE ACTIONS SUCH AS RECENT ISLAND INCURSION. HE ALSO REMINDED PETITIONERS OF HISTORICAL REASONS FOR US TROOP PRESENCE IN ROK AND NOTED THAT, CONTRARY TO JSP VIEW, US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD PROBABLY INCREASE RATHER THAN REDUCE TENSIONS IN KOREAN PENINSULA.

3. COMMENT: ON SURFACE, PRESENTATION OF PETITION APPEARS TO BE STANDARD EXERCISE IN WHICH JSP DIETMEN SEEK TO GAIN PUBLICITY (AT LEAST IN PARTY NEWSPAPER) AS BEING IN VANGUARD OF STRUGGLE FOR PEACE IN ASIA. REFERENCE REPORT INDICATES THAT IN THIS CASE, JSP DELEGATION MAY HAVE BEEN ACTING AT BEHEST OF DPRK.
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